

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5673
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INCLUSION OF BHUMIHAR CASTE IN OBCS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to include the Bhumihaar Caste of Uttar Pradesh in the category of other backward class;
- (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) As per provisions under the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) Act, 1993, the NCBC examines requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as a backward class in the lists and hears complaints of over-inclusion or under-inclusion of any backward class in such lists based on social, educational and economic aspects of backwardness of the community and tenders such advice to the Central Government, as it deems appropriate. The Government of India decides cases of inclusion/amendment in the Central List of Backward Classes based on the advices tendered by the NCBC and these are notified from time to time. No advice on inclusion of Bhumihaar caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh has yet been received from the NCBC.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.